

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

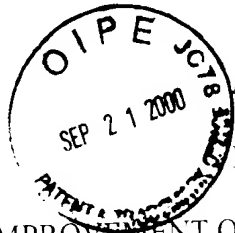
In re the Application of:

MÜLLER et al.

Serial No.: 09/423,622

Filed: November 15, 1999

For: A METHOD FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF NEURONAL REGENERATION



Art Unit 1647

Examiner B. O'Laughlin

TRANSMITTAL

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Response in the above-captioned application.

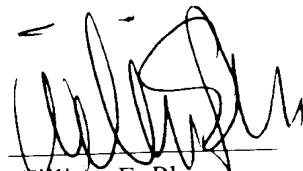
XX Small Entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

XX No fee is considered necessary in connection with the papers transmitted, herewith.

XX If a Petition for Extension of Time is necessary and the Petition and or the check is not enclosed, this will act as the Petition and applicant herewith petitions the Commissioner to extend the time for response and charge any fees necessary under 37 CFR 1.17 (a)-(d) to Deposit Account No. 06-1358. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge payment of any other additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1358. A duplicate copy of this paper is attached for that purpose.

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Applicants submit the instant response to the Office action mailed July 21, 2000.

The claims are subject to restriction under 35 USC 121 to one of four groups (I-IV) of claims.

The claims are also subject to requirements for election of species.

Applicants elect to prosecute the claims of Group II, claims 1, 4-10, 13, and 14, pursuant to the restriction under 35 USC 121.

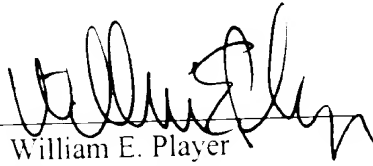
Species Ig, Fe-chelating agents, is elected pursuant to the requirement for an election of species of inhibitor substance. Claims 1-17 read on the elected species.

Species Ia, collagen IV, is elected with traverse, pursuant to the requirement for an election of species of basal element building elements. Traversal is maintained because the requirement is inconsistent with the restriction requirement under §121. The basal element building elements are not recited in any of the claims falling in the elected Group II of the restriction requirement.

Favorable action is requested.

Respectfully submitted.

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